

CONSERVATION CAMP PROJECTS

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Where conservation camps are located on state forests, or otherwise conveniently situated near the forest, camp labor and equipment resources will be used in maintenance of roads and facilities and in various management activities. The latter should include cone collection, reforestation, stand improvement, reduction of fire hazards, inventory, control of insects and disease, boundary surveys, experimental projects, etc.

The administration of these conservation camp activities in state forests will conform to the instructions developed for conservation camps operated by the department. Work projects are supervised by the camp ranger under the direction of the region chief. Use of wards or inmates on state forest projects should conform to a plan jointly prepared and submitted by the forest manager and the camp ranger and approved by the region chief.

The successful completion of state forest projects involving conservation camp resources will depend upon adequate technical direction of the project by the manager of the forest and liaison with manager of the conservation camp. In some cases where small size crews of inmates are used in special forest management projects, such as reforestation, stand improvement, inventory, boundary surveys, and experimental work, it is necessary for these inmates to be supervised by state forest employees who have been properly trained to be supervisors of wards or inmates.

Regular state forest employees and seasonal help should concentrate their efforts on actual management and administration of the forest rather than becoming too deeply concerned with conservation camp maintenance or improvement projects which should be supervised adequately by camp employees. State forest seasonal help normally should be used for the purposes of assisting in timber sales, cruising, scaling, boundary surveys, and other special activities concerned with the management of the forest.

BUDGET FOR CAMP PROJECTS

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The normal support budget for the department includes funds for state forest maintenance and operation, as well as conservation camp maintenance and operation.

To distinguish between state forest and conservation camp charges is not always simple. A good "rule of the thumb" is to test any proposed charge with the question, "Is the expenditure necessary to operate and manage the forest in the normal course of events?" If the answer is in the affirmative, the charge is a proper one against the state forest ([see Section 5071](#)).

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